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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 7, 2003 AND TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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This paper responds to the office action dated May 7, 2003. As this response is filed within the three-month period for response, it is believe that no extension of time fees are due. However, this response also includes a Terminal Disclaimer, for which a fee of \$110.00 is believed due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) and 1.321(b)(4). This Office is authorized to deduct this terminal disclaimer fee, and any other necessary fees, from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/MCRO284-2.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.